

Remarks

Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 62-72, 76 and 77 are pending in the application, with claim 62 being the independent claim. Claims 1-61 were previously cancelled. Claims 73-75 are presently sought to be cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. As such, these changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Reply to Requirement for Election of Species

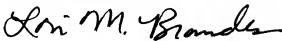
At page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that the Requirement for Election of Species was necessitated by newly added claims 73-75. Further to a telephone communication between Applicants' representative and the Examiner on March 19, 2010, Applicants have cancelled claims 73-75. As such, it is Applicants' understanding that the Requirement for Election of Species is now moot. Claims 73-75 have been cancelled solely to advance prosecution, and not in acquiescence to the Requirement.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply to Requirement for Election of Species is respectfully requested. Applicants believe the present application is in condition for examination.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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